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SUBJ: ISRAEL IN UN FORUMS

1. AMB DORON (ACTING ISRAELI PERMREP) CALLED ON ME JAN 24 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING OR AT LEAST MUTING "TRADITIONAL" ATTACKS ON ISRAEL IN SUCH UN FORUMS AS CURRENT SESSIONS OF UNDP AND COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN, AND IN NEXT MONTH'S SESSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN SHORT RUN, ISRAELIS ARE CONCERNED THAT EGYPTIANS MIGHT BE "COOKING" ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION UNDER ITEM 8 ON AGENDA OF COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN. THERE HAD THUS FAR BEEN NO SIGN THAT RUMORS WILL TURN OUT TO BE TRUE OF ARAB INTENT TO CANCEL RETROACTIVELY CURRENTLY VALID UNDP PROGRAM APPROVALS EXTENDING THROUGH 1976. DORON FORESAW THAT REAL DANGER WOULD BE MEETINGS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WHICH IN PREVIOUS YEARS HAD SEEN EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ISRAEL AS PROTOTYPICAL VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE WERE ITEMS ON HRC AGENDA AIMED SOLELY AT ISRAEL.

2. DORON SAID HE HAD ALREADY RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH SYG WALDHEIM AND THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY REP HAD SPOKEN TO SOME ASPECTS OF PROBLEM WITH IO (STULL). HE THOUGHT HE HAD PERSUADED WALDHEIM TO APPROACH EGYPTIANS, AS THOUGH IT WERE HIS OWN IDEA, WITH VIEW THAT IN LIGHT US-LED EFFORTS GOING ON IN ME AND GENEVA, IT INAPPROPRIATE THAT USUAL INVECTIVE CHARACTERIZED MEETINGS IN UN FORUMS. WHY COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE NOT BE MORATORIUM ON MODEL OF ARAB DECISION TO FOREGO ME DEBATE IN 28TH GA?

3. I AGREED THAT ANTI-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA EXERCISES IN

PRESENT CONTEXT WOULD BE SETBACK TO PROGRESS IN ME. I
THOUGHT WE COULD TRY TO PROJECT THIS VIEW IN NEW YORK. I
ALSO PLANNED TO REPORT DORON'S REPRESENTATIONS TO SECRETARY.
WITHOUT PROMISING TO URGE SECRETARY TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH
EGYPTIANS AT HIGH LEVELS, I WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER SADAT
COULD AT THIS STAGE AFFORD TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A
PROPOSAL OF THIS KIND. WHAT SADAT IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO DO
WITH OTHER ARABS IS IMPORTANT AND SERIOUS MATTER AND WE
WOULD NOT WISH HIM TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD GIVE NEEDLESS
ASSIST TO THOSE ARABS WHO WISH TO PAINT HIM A TRAITOR.

4. WITHOUT REFERRING TO ANY OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN
THIS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ROUND WITH DORON SINCE MY RETURN TO
NEW YORK, I ADOPTED VERY POSITIVE TONE IN RESPONDING TO DORON
AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS OF SUBJECT HE RAISED.
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